Proponent Testimony of Pamela Greenberg, Glastonbury, CT HB 6622- An Act Concerning Prescription Drug Formularies and Lists of Covered Drugs

My name is Pamela Greenberg and I am from Glastonbury Connecticut. I am also a person living with multiple sclerosis (MS).

As a person living with several chronic conditions, I rely on several prescription medications daily. Unfortunately, I also spend a large amount of money on co-pays to control my conditions each year.

Non-medical switching is a practice of health insurance companies removing a drug from the formulary list or moving it to a higher costing tier during the plan year. This is a common insurance practice that many people face each year.

I have been subject to this several times in the past. I have had my cholesterol medications switched from a tier 2 to a tier 4 without notice from my insurance carrier. A prescription that cost \$30 a month increased to \$125 a month.

I ask that you pass HB 6622, which would guarantee that insurance companies stick to the contracts that people sign up for at the beginning of a policy term, and protect those individuals on state-regulated insurance plans.

Thank you for your time.

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